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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant to the President for National  
Security Affairs  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs)  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Executive Secretary, 40 Committee

SUBJECT: January Forecast and December Highlights of  
NRP Satellite and Aircraft Activities

Attached is the National Reconnaissance Program fore-  
cast of overflight activities for the month of January  
1974, and highlight information for the past 30 days on  
previously approved overflight activities.

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Attachment

NRO review(s) completed.

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FORECAST OF IDEALIST/TACKLE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 1974

<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
4 Peripheral	U-2R		China/S. China Coasts
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NOTE 1: The eight peripheral missions will be flown against valid USIB requirements, and will be conducted in accordance with the restrictions set forth by higher authority on 5 August 1971 (to remain at least 25 NM offshore from the PRC and to avoid overflights of PRC held islands).

2. Plans are still active to fly the one remaining of the two IDEALIST SCOPE SHIELD missions previously approved as soon as weather and equipment permit.

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IDEALIST/TACKLE HIGHLIGHTS 16 NOV - 14 DEC 1973

<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE FLOWN</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
		The mission was a routine flight with no significant items to report.

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FORECAST OF OLYMPIC FIRE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 1974

<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
4 Overflights	U-2R		Cuba

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NOTE: Estimate one/two sorties, depending on the weather, will be used to satisfy valid USIB requirements. The remaining sorties requested for use against other extraordinary/quick reaction requirements that may occur during the month.

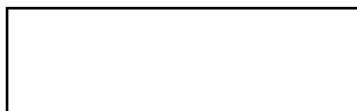
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


OLYMPIC FIRE HIGHLIGHTS 13 NOV - 12 DEC 1973

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<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE FLOWN</u>
GA-019	15 Nov
GA-020	24 Nov
GA-021	5 Dec



2. As of 12 December, the USIB requirement for 90% of Cuba to be photographed quarterly showed  of the area covered. By 1 February 1974, if no missions are flown during January, the quarterly requirement will stand at over .

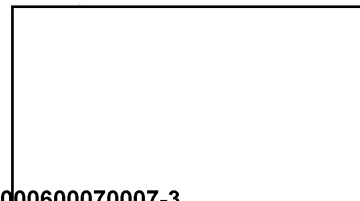
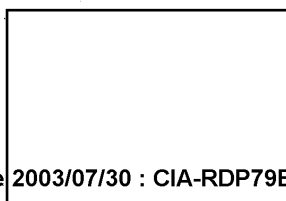
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FORECAST OF GIANT REACH AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 1974

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<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
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NOTE: Depending on the Arab/Israeli situation, GIANT REACH missions to the Middle East may be requested in January.



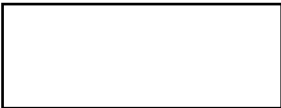
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GIANT REACH HIGHLIGHTS 16 NOV - 15 DEC 1973

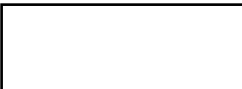
<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE FLOWN</u>
XA-009	2 Dec
XA-010	10 Dec

Missions were flown from and recovered at Seymour Johnson AFB without incident. Missions were on a stand down during the period 12-18 Dec in connection with the Secretary of State's visit abroad.

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